

In **FISCAL YEAR 2017**, our **18 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS** provided services to

**33,661 ADULTS** | **38,404 VICTIMS** | **4,743 CHILDREN**

What **SERVICES** do victims request when they come to us?



**COURT-BASED ADVOCACY**

**32,774 VICTIMS**



**ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING**

**29,290 VICTIMS**



**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**3,193 EVENTS**

**SHELTER**

**2,179 VICTIMS**

**1,207 ADULTS | 972 CHILDREN**



**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**1,617 SESSIONS**



**HOTLINE CALLS**

**32,744 CALLS**



What does this mean for Connecticut's **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE SYSTEM?**

Approximately 370 counselors statewide, **30 FEWER** than the previous year, provided...

**31% ↑**

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**30% ↑**

**ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING**

**13% ↑**

**COURT-BASED ADVOCACY**

**11% ↑**

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**9% ↑**

**HOTLINE RESPONSES**

While the total number of victims requesting services and requesting shelter each decreased by 3%, **STAFFING DECREASED** by **8%** with many positions eliminated or left vacant due to budget uncertainty at the state and federal levels.

Even with reduced staffing, **SHELTERS OPERATED** at **122% CAPACITY** throughout the year and **COUNSELORS PROVIDED 9% - 31% MORE SERVICES** to help make victims safer and achieve stability. Why is that?

Because victims continue to present with more complex needs that they struggle to have met by other segments of the human services system have been impacted by budget cuts, such as behavioral health or housing issues. See reverse side for some of those needs with which domestic violence counselors have assisted victims.

## VICTIM ADVOCACY

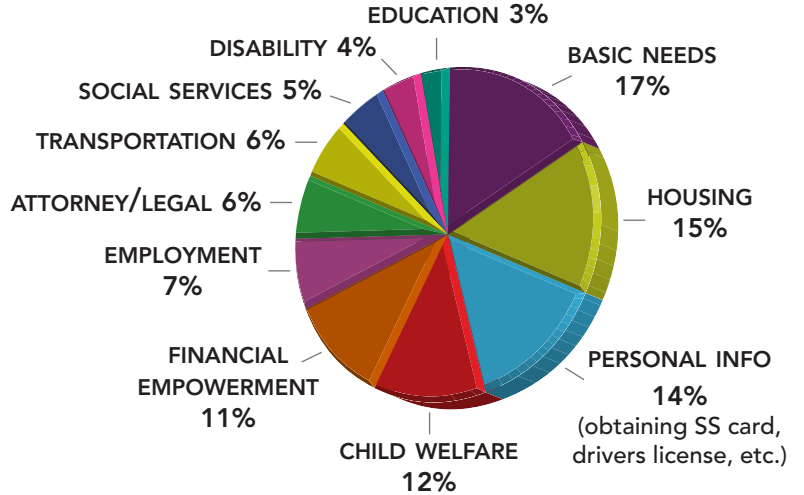
Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include many types of abuse such as physical, emotional or psychological, sexual, and financial. Because abusers often control so many aspects of the victim's life, when the victim attempts to leave she or he has many needs that extend far beyond ending physical abuse.

To achieve true safety and stability, victims often require assistance with...

- obtaining basic needs
- securing affordable housing
- financial empowerment and getting a bank account
- job training and employment

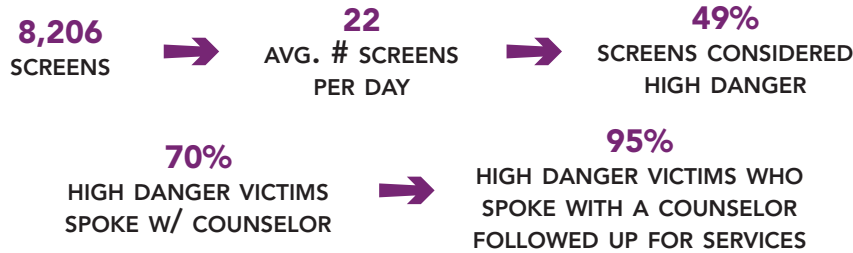
In these situations, domestic violence counselors advocate on behalf of the victim with the other entities to ensure that the victim can access the services she or he needs.

A snapshot of some of the needs for which victims require advocacy with various service systems.



## LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Overseen by CCADV, the **Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)** is an innovative partnership between law enforcement and local domestic violence organizations. Officers responding to calls of intimate partner violence use an evidence-based screening tool to quickly assess those victims at the highest risk for increased or fatal violence. Officers immediately connect "high danger" victims to the local domestic violence organization. Below is a snapshot of LAP data for FY17.



CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is the state's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those organizations that serve them. We are a membership organization of the state's 18 domestic violence organizations that provide critical support to keep victims safe. Our member organizations provide the following confidential services free of charge:

- 24 hour toll-free crisis lines with access to certified counselors
- Safety planning
- Court advocacy
- Counseling
- Support groups
- Emergency shelter
- Community education

**The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services**  
Ansonia New Haven

**The Center for Family Justice**  
Bridgeport

**Women's Center of Greater Danbury**  
Danbury

**Domestic Violence Program/ United Services, Inc.**  
Dayville Willimantic

**The Network**  
Enfield

**Domestic Abuse Service/ Greenwich YWCA**  
Greenwich

**Interval House**  
Hartford

**Chrysalis Domestic Violence Services**  
Meriden

**New Horizons**  
Middletown

**Prudence Crandall Center**  
New Britain

**Domestic Violence Crisis Center**  
Norwalk Stamford

**Safe Futures**  
New London

**Women's Support Services**  
Sharon

**Susan B. Anthony Project**  
Torrington

**Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury**  
Waterbury